

- The administration told no one about an NSA finding that, several weeks after the attack, the Soviets reshuffled several senior officers in the Far East and revised the air-defense command's rules of engagement.

- Drawing mainly on the analysis of Harold Ewing, an experienced pilot between Alaska and the Far East who undertook his own investigation into the affair, Hersh says KAL 007 flew off course because of "ordinary human failings" of the KAL crew, and he outlines a detailed scenario of how the failure might have happened.

Ewing told Hersh the inertial navigation system that guides the plane "is fraught with danger . . . not foolproof," and that once it is misprogrammed the error is easy to miss and nearly impossible to correct.